

ENABLING RESTRICTED COMMUNICATIONS  
BETWEEN A PLURALITY OF USERS

Abstract of the Disclosure

A communication protocol particularly amenable to use by children enables communications over various communication protocols without the fear that the children will inappropriately communicate with unauthorized individuals. A list of authorized individuals that a given child may communicate with may be stored on a communication terminal. Before communications are allowed to proceed over a communication network such as the Internet, a check ensures that the intended recipient or sender is an appropriate authorized recipient or sender. A password protection scheme may be utilized to prevent the child from adding inappropriate contacts to the list of authorized individuals.